

GOVERNMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

Whiteville is the governmental center for Columbus County. In addition to the historical county courthouse and the closely associated annex buildings, there are numerous other government uses, some of these are in Whiteville because it is the county seat, others because it is the largest town in the area, and still others because it is a municipality.

Most of the local municipal offices are conveniently located in the municipal building, but there are numerous other municipal land uses such as the library, the public works yard, the town dump, and the sewage disposal plant, that utilize land within the corporate limits. At the county level, in addition to the county courthouse and several associated buildings, the following are in the Planning Area: the County School Bus Depot, the County Health Center, the County Library and the County Hospital, all scattered along N.C. 76, both inside and outside the corporate limits.

At the state and federal level, there are the following: The Division of Forestry District Headquarters west of town, The National Guard Armory, and the Army Reserve Training Center, both in town.

There are 12 acres of land in governmental uses within the corporate limits, approximately 6 acres of this total is consumed by the County Hospital. Beyond the corporate limits but within the Planning Area, there is a total of 9 acres in governmental uses; approximately 6 acres of this total are consumed by the County School Bus Depot west of town.